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1. DURING CALL ON FONMIN SABAH AUG 28 I GAVE HIM GIST OF MY TALK WITH SAUDI SECURITY CHIEF ADHAM (REF A). SABAH CONFIRMED KUWAITI AGREEMENT THAT CLOSER COORDINATION BETWEEN KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA WAS NECESSARY, AND THAT DIFFERING APPROACHES TO AREA'S PROBLEMS WERE STRENGTH RATHER THAN WEAKNESS AS LONG AS BOTH WORKING TOWARD SAME ENDS. SABAH ALSO CONFIRMED KUWAITIS HAPPY WITH THIS ATTITUDE ON PART SAUDIS BUT ADDED HE HAD POINTED OUT TO ADHAM THAT KUWAITIS WOULD REMAIN SENSITIVE TO ANY INDICATIONS SAUDIS TRYING TO DICTATE TO GOK. SABAH SAID HE AND ADHAM AGREED PROPER ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS SHOULD HELP PRECLUDE UNPLEASANT SURPRISES AND MUTUAL RECRIMINATIONS.

2. SABAH ALSO SAID HE HAD GENTLY REMINDED ADHAM THAT BACK IN 1966 GOK HAD PROPOSED TO SAG A BILATERAL ECONOMIC AND TRADE

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AGREEMENT CONTAINING FAR BROADER PROVISIONS THAN ANYTHING KUWAIT HAD OFFERED DOWN GULF. THERE HAD BEEN NO SAG RESPONSE UNTIL FONMIN

UNDERSEC RASHID HAD VISITED SAUDI ARABIA IN EARLY AUGUST SEEKING TO SOOTHE RUFFLED SAUDI FEELINGS ABOUT KUWAITI FONMIN'S RECENT VISIT TO LOWER GULF AND OMAN. SABAH SAID HE PLANNED PURSUE THIS SUBJECT AMONG OTHERS DURING HIS UPCOMING VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA, ACCOMPANYING THE AMIR.

3. FONMIN SABAH ALSO SAID HE HAD RECEIVED ABU DHABI BRIEF ON SAUDI-ABU DHABI BORDER DISPUTE (REF B) AND PLANNED DURING SAUDI VISIT TO OFFER DO ANYTHING HE COULD TO PROMOTE SETTLEMENT OF THIS PROBLEM. INCIDENTALLY, SABAH SAID HE HAD WONDERED ALOUD TO ADHAM WHETHER IDEA OF PLEBICITE IN BURAIMI WAS NOT DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR SAUDIS IN VIEW NUMBER OF SHIITES IN AL-HASA PROVINCE WHO MIGHT ONE DAY DEMAND PLEBICITE OF THEIR OWN.
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